

Democracy Corps - Michigan Statewide Frequency Questionnaire

September 21-24, 2008
760 Likely Voters

Q.2 First of all, are you registered to vote at this address?

	Total
Yes	100
No.....	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:SCREEN1)	

Q.4 Many people weren't able to vote in the election for president in November 2004 between George Bush and John Kerry. How about you? Were you able to vote, or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted	94
Ineligible/too young	2
Did not vote	3
(Can't remember/Don't know/Refused)	0
(ref:DIDVOTE)	

Q.6 I know it's a long way off, but what are the chances of your voting in this November's election for president, senator, Congress, and other offices -- are you almost certain to vote, will you probably vote, are the chances 50-50, or don't you think you will vote?

	Total
Almost certain.....	95
Probably	5
50-50	-
Will not vote.....	-
(Don't know)	-
(Refused).....	-
(ref:WILLVOTE)	

[380 Respondents]

Q.7 (SPLIT A) Generally speaking, do you think that things in this country are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	15
Wrong track	80
(Don't know/refused)	5
Right - Wrong	-65
(ref:USDIRECT)	

[380 Respondents]

Q.8 (SPLIT B) Generally speaking, do you think that things in Michigan are going in the right direction, or do you feel things have gotten pretty seriously off on the wrong track?

	Total
Right direction	12
Wrong track	84
(Don't know/refused)	4
Right - Wrong	-72
(ref:STDIRECT)	

Q.9 Do you approve or disapprove of the way George Bush is handling his job as president?

	Total
Strongly approve	14
Somewhat approve	18
Somewhat disapprove.....	12
Strongly disapprove.....	51
(Don't know/refused)	4
Total approve	33
Total disapprove	64
Approve - disapprove	-31
(ref:CANDAPP2)	

Q.10 Now, I'd like to rate your feelings toward some people and groups, with one hundred meaning a VERY WARM, FAVORABLE feeling; zero meaning a VERY COLD, UNFAVORABLE feeling; and fifty meaning not particularly warm or cold. You can use any number from zero to one hundred, the higher the number the more favorable your feelings are toward that person or group. If you have no opinion or never heard of that person or group, please say so.

	Mean	% Warm	% Cool	% ID
10 Labor unions	47.5	32	39	94
11 Jennifer Granholm	45.1	37	46	98
12 Big corporations	38.8	23	48	93
13 George W. Bush	38.5	34	54	99
14 The Republican Party	44.6	34	44	97
15 The Democratic Party	50.4	41	38	98
16 NAFTA and international trade agreements	35.2	16	50	86
17 Barack Obama	53.3	47	38	97
18 John McCain	48.2	43	42	98
19 The state of the economy	24.3	8	77	98
20 Joe Biden	47.8	31	34	83
21 Sarah Palin	46.1	37	43	91

(ref:THERM2/THERM4)

Q.22 Thinking about the election for president in November, if the election were held today and the candidates were Democrat Barack Obama, Republican John McCain, Libertarian Party candidate Bob Barr, or Independent candidate Ralph Nader, for whom would you vote?

	Total
Barack Obama	46
Lean Barack Obama	3
John McCain	39
Lean John McCain	3
Bob Barr	1
Lean Bob Barr	-
Ralph Nader	3
Lean Ralph Nader	1
(Other candidate)	1
Lean (Other candidate)	0
(Undecided).....	5
Total Barack Obama.....	49
Total John McCain	42
Total Bob Barr	1
Total Ralph Nader.....	4
Total (Other candidate).....	1
(ref:PRES08)	

Q.25 Even though you are not supporting Democrat Barack Obama now, what are the chances that you might support him in the election for president this year -- is there a fair chance that you might support him, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support Democrat Barack Obama?

	Total
Fair chance.....	5
A small chance	4
Just a very slight chance	9
No chance at all.....	31
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
Obama Supporter	50
(ref:BOCHANCE)	

Q.26 Even though you are not supporting Republican John McCain now, what are the chances that you might support him in the election for president this year -- is there a fair chance that you might support him, a small chance, just a very slight chance or no chance at all that you might support Republican John McCain?

	Total
Fair chance.....	5
A small chance	7
Just a very slight chance	9
No chance at all.....	35
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
McCain Supporter	43
(ref:JMCHANCE)	

Q.27 And now thinking about the election for STATE LEGISLATURE in Lansing this November, if the general election for state legislature were held today, for whom would you vote -- the Democratic candidate or the Republican candidate?

	Total
Democratic candidate.....	44
Lean Democratic candidate.....	4
Republican candidate.....	36
Lean Republican candidate.....	4
(Undecided).....	13
Total Democratic candidate	47
Total Republican candidate.....	40

(ref:GSL1)

Q.29 Now, I am going to read you a list of words and phrases which people use to describe political figures. For each word or phrase, please tell me whether it describes Barack Obama very well, well, not too well, or not well at all.

	Very Well	Well	Not Too Well	Not Well At All	DK/ Ref	Total Well	Total Not Well	Well - Not
[380 Respondents]								
29 (SPLIT C) Cares about people like you	31	31	16	17	5	63	33	30
[380 Respondents]								
30 (SPLIT C) Shares your values	25	30	20	21	4	55	41	13
[380 Respondents]								
31 (SPLIT D) Will bring the right kind of change	29	26	23	20	2	55	43	12
[380 Respondents]								
32 (SPLIT C) Patriotic.....	29	36	14	17	4	65	31	34
33 On your side.....	27	28	22	18	4	55	40	15
[380 Respondents]								
34 (SPLIT D) Will keep America strong	21	34	23	21	2	55	43	11
[380 Respondents]								
35 (SPLIT D) Makes me feel hopeful about the future.....	30	27	23	19	2	56	42	14

(ref:BOPOS)

Q.36 Now I am going to ask you something different. I am going to read a list of issues and I want you to tell me whether, overall, you think Democrat Barack Obama or Republican John McCain would do a better job with this issue. If you do not know, just tell me and we will move on to the next item.

	BO Much Better	BO Smwt Better	JM Smwt Better	JM Much Better	Both	Nei ther	DK Ref	Total BO	Total JM	BO - JM
36 The situation in Iraq	30	15	12	35	-	1	7	46	47	-1
[380 Respondents]										
37 (SPLIT C) Standing up to powerful special interests	34	15	14	24	2	3	7	49	38	11
38 The economy	33	20	17	19	1	2	8	53	36	17
39 National security	18	17	15	39	1	1	8	36	54	-18
40 Taxes	29	18	16	25	1	3	8	47	41	6
[380 Respondents]										
41 (SPLIT D) Accountability in government	29	17	18	25	3	2	6	46	43	3
[380 Respondents]										
42 (SPLIT C) Cleaning up Wall Street	25	19	13	20	1	4	17	44	33	11
[380 Respondents]										
43 (SPLIT D) The financial crisis in the country	25	22	19	19	1	3	11	47	37	10
(ref:BETJOB)										

Q.44 Finally, I would like to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes. What is the last year of schooling that you have completed?

	Total
1 - 11th grade	4
High School graduate.....	22
Non-college post H.S.	2
Some college.....	28
College graduate.....	28
Post-graduate school	15
(Don't know/refused)	0
(ref:EDUC)	

Q.45 Are you a current or retired member of a labor union?

	Total
Yes: Respondent belongs	18
Household member	9
Retired member.....	8
No member belongs.....	63
(Don't know/Refused).....	1
(ref:UNION)	

Q.46 Are you married, single, separated, divorced, or widowed?

	Total
Married	68
Single	17
Separated/Divorced.....	7
Widowed.....	7
(Don't know/refused)	1
Sep/Div/Wid.....	14
(ref:MARITAL)	

Q.47 Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Republican, a Democrat, or what?

	Total
Strong Democrat	27
Weak Democrat.....	10
Independent-lean Democrat.....	12
Independent	8
Independent-lean Republican	11
Weak Republican	12
Strong Republican.....	19
(Don't know/refused)	1
(ref:PTYID1)	

Q.48 Thinking in political terms, would you say that you are Conservative, Moderate, or Liberal?

	Total
Liberal.....	18
Moderate	40
Conservative	39
(Don't know/refused)	3
(ref:IDEO1)	

Q.49 What is your religion?

	Total
Protestant.....	43
Catholic	29
Jewish	1
(Other/none/refused)	26
Muslim.....	1
(ref:RELIG1)	

Q.50 On average, how often would you say you attend church or religious services -- every week, once or twice a month, several times a year, hardly ever, or never?

	Total
Every week.....	39
Once or twice a month	15
Several times a year.....	13
Hardly ever	24
(Never)	7
(Don't know/Refused).....	3
(ref:RELIG2)	

[716 Respondents]

Q.51 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE00) In the 2004 election for president, did you vote for Democrat John Kerry or Republican George Bush?

	Total
Democrat John Kerry	44
Republican George Bush	48
(Ralph Nader).....	0
(Other candidate)	3
(Don't know/Refused).....	5
(ref:VOTE2004)	

Q.52 As you know, there was an election for Congress and other offices in November 2006. Many people weren't able to vote. How about you? Were you able to vote or for some reason were you unable to vote?

	Total
Voted.....	78
Did not vote	17
(Can't remember/Don't know).....	4
(Refused).....	1
(ref:VOTE06)	

[594 Respondents]

Q.53 (ASK IF VOTED IN VOTE06) In the 2006 election for Congress, did you vote for (2006 HOUSE DEMOCRAT) or (2006 HOUSE REPUBLICAN)?

	Total
House Democrat	42
House Republican	48
(Other candidate)	2
(Don't know/Refused)	8
(ref:VOTE2006)	

Q.54 What is your race?

	Total
White	82
Black.....	9
Hispanic.....	3
(Other)	3
(Don't know/Refused)	3
(ref: RACE)	

Q.3 Respondent's gender

	Total
Male.....	47
Female	53
(ref:GENDER)	

Q.5 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 - 24	7
25 - 29	6
30 - 34	8
35 - 39	11
40 - 44	7
45 - 49	11
50 - 54	9
55 - 59	11
60 - 64	8
Over 64.....	22
(No answer).....	1
(ref:AGE)	